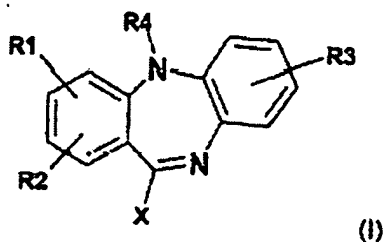
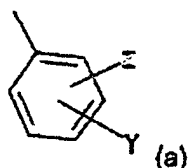


Amendment to Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

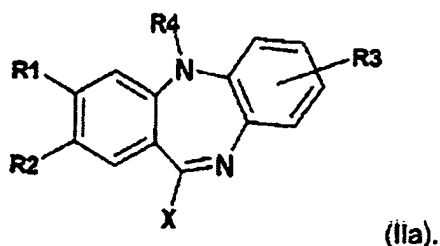


wherein $[[R_1]]$ R1 and $[[R_2]]$ R2, independently of each other, represent hydrogen, or C₁-C₇-alkyl, or $[[R_1]]$ R1 and $[[R_2]]$ R2 together with the carbon atoms of the phenyl ring to which they bind form a 5-, 6- or 7-membered cycloalkyl ring, which ring may optionally be substituted by one or more C₁-C₇-alkyl groups, which alkyl groups may also together form one or more 3-, 4-, 5-, 6- or 7-membered rings; $[[R_3]]$ R3 represents $[-ON]$ -CN, -CO- R₅, or hydrogen, provided that, if $[[R_3]]$ R3 is hydrogen, $[[R_4]]$ R4 must represent C₃-C₇-alkenyl or C₃-C₇-alkynyl; R₅ represents aryl, or alkyl being unsubstituted or substituted by halogen, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, C₁-C₇-alkoxy, carboxyl or aryl; $[[R_4]]$ R4 represents C₁-C₇-alkyl, C₂-C₇-alkenyl or C₂-C₇-alkynyl or $[[R_4]]$ R4 represents C₂-C₇-alkanoyl; and X represents ligand (a),

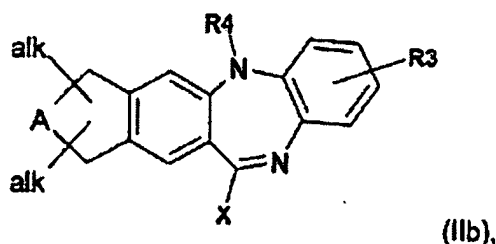


wherein Y may be in ortho, meta or para position and wherein Y represents carboxyl, C₁-C₇-alkoxy-carbonyl, aryloxy-carbonyl, tetrazolyl, SO₃H or P(O)(OH)₂; and wherein Z represents hydrogen or a substituent selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₇-alkyl, C₁-C₇-alkoxy, halogen, CF₃, cyano and NO₂.

2. (Currently Amended) Compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein $[[R_1]]$ R1 and $[[R_2]]$ R2 are positioned as illustrated in formula (IIa) $[[.]$

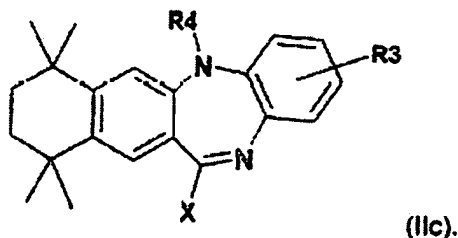


3. (Currently Amended) Compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, of formula (IIb)



wherein alk in each case represent C₁-C₇-alkyl and A is CH₂, CH₂CH₂, or CH₂CH₂CH₂.

4. (Currently Amended) Compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, of formula (IIc)[[.]]



5. (Currently Amended) Compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein X represents p-carboxyphenyl.

6. (Currently Amended) Compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein [[R₁]] R1 and [[R₂]] R2 together with the two carbon atoms on the phenyl ring to which [[R₁]] R1 and [[R₂]] R2 respectively bind form 5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydronaphthalene ring; X represents 4-carboxy- phenyl; [[R₃]] R3 is cyano or C₂-C₅-alkanoyl; and [[R₄]] R4 represents C₁-C₇-alkyl; C₂-C₇-alkenyl or C₂-C₇-alkynyl.

7. (Currently Amended) Compound of claim 6, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein for [[R₃]] R3 is in the para-position relative to [[N-R₄]] N-R4 in formula (I).

8. (Currently Amended) Compound of claim 6, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein ~~[[R₄]]~~ R₄ represents C₁-C₇-alkyl ~~and preferably methyl or ethyl~~.

9-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in association with a pharmacologically and pharmaceutically acceptable additive.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (New) Compound of claim 6, wherein R₄ represents methyl or ethyl.